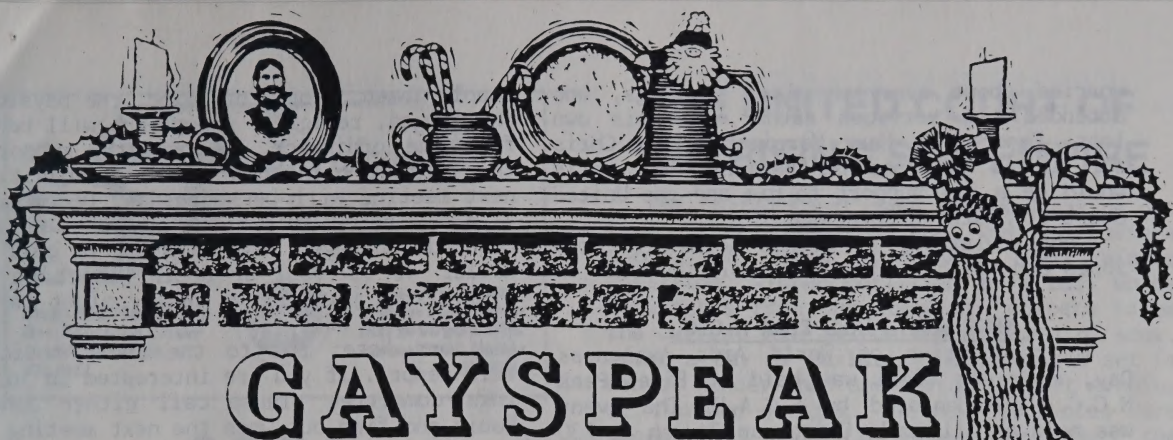




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**A CLOSE UP LOOK AT
THE NEW PRINCE &
PRINCESS ROYALS TO
THE XV REIGN
CHRIS JONES/SABLE GORDON**

In the month of November 1990, A Prince and Princess Royal of the United Court of Southern Colorado were named.

Most of the members of the United Court already know these two people very well. Lets

take a look at the new XV Reign P.R.s.

Sable Gordon also known as, Rick Brown, has been involved in our community for a few years now. When he first decided to 'come out' he attended Pikes Peak M.C.C.. While attending the Church he made many friendships and also meet his lifetime partner, Ed Sells. Rick has been involved with many support/social groups in the Pikes Peak Gay/Lesbian Community Center. He was the coordinator of Christopher Street. From there he assisted with other groups and the Center's Helpline. While helping with these groups, he also became the paste up and advertising manager for Gayspeak. Like if that wasn't enough for him to do - he became fund-raiser co-chair for Pikes Peak M.C.C., and Centertainer coordinator for P.P.G.L.C.C., and last year he was named onto the line of the United Court's XIV Reign. His support to the community, to people, and to the United Court is why Empress XV Anita Baez choose Rick Brown A.K.A. Sable Gordon to be her Princess Royal XV of the United Court of Southern Colorado.

Chris Jones Also Known As, Chris Jones, has been involved with the United Court and the community for many years. He has held numerous titles to reigns in the United Court. Chris has been the Court's type set artist for fund-raiser programs and the coronation programs. Chris has volunteered for positions on the Board of the Court. Many times he has been requested to MC events for the Court and other community organizations. Chris is a down to earth, good hearted, person. Even when his lifetime partner Jeff Dilworth passed away this summer, Chris was

worried about everyone else's feelings, who attended the services rather than his own loss. Emperor XV Mark Merriman picked Chris for a lot of reasons, knowing that Chris would be a big support to him and the United Court of Southern Colorado.

Congratulations to Prince Royal XV Chris Jones and Princess Royal XV Sable Gordon!

NEWS FROM PIKES PEAK M.C.C.

In recognition of World Aids Awareness Day, a Prayer Vigil was held at Pikes Peak M.C.C., co-sponsored by S.C.A.P. The event was held at All Souls Unitarian Church at 730 N. Tejon. (corner of Dale and North Tejon) On Sunday December 1st.

The third annual "Round-the-Table Carol Sing," will be held Sunday, December 16th, at 6:30 pm in the social Hall of the church. Santa will visit, refreshments will be served and all will enjoy the festive singing of our favorite religious and secular carols.

The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Carols and Scripture will be held on Monday December 24th, at 10:30 pm. Usher in Christmas Day with a visit to the manger in honor of the Christ Child whose birth we celebrate!

Pikes Peak M.C.C. has a service of worship each Sunday evening at 5:00 pm. For those who enjoy singing, there is choir rehearsal at 3:30 pm, to provide special Christmas music throughout the season. The traditional lighting of the Advent Candle will be observed the first four Sundays of December. You and your friends are cordially invited! Rev. Marion Harrison/Pastor/P.P.M.C.C.

COLORADO SPRINGS NON-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

Yes, it just might be possible! The city's Human Relations Commission is drafting a non-discrimination ordinance, covering employment, housing, and public accommodations, to be presented to city council. As originally proposed, the ordinance did not include sexual orientation as a prohibited ground of discrimination. A group, as yet unnamed, has formed for the purpose of having the proposed ordinance amended so as to protect gay people. We have had a number of meetings with the commission and they appear ready to put "sexual orientation" into the ordinance. A lot of work will need to be done in order to convince city council to pass the ordinance. We want to network with all the lesbian and gay organizations in Colorado Springs and organizations representing all the other

people—women, people of color, the physically challenged, religious groups—who will benefit from the ordinance. We need the support of the community in this exciting project. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 7 p.m., room 216 in the Worner Center at Colorado College. Just show up, or call John Miller at 637-9632 or Robin Miller at 634-0997. Come join us; we really might be able to pull this off!

(Editors Note: Due to the short notice of this report. If you are interested in joining this committee please call either John or Robin and find out when the next meeting will be held.)

CHILDRENS BALL DECEMBER 22, 1990



The annual community Children's Ball (carnival), will be on December 22. The Ball will be in the afternoon, and 50 to 100 children are expected to attend. We are in need of cookies and Hi C Fruit Punch. We are also in need of people who would like to help at the carnival for the children's games. If you can donate time or goodies, please call 471-4429 and leave a message for either David Eidson or Anita Baez.

This Ball is co-sponsored by all the organizations in our community. With most of the toys coming from the United Court's 'Winter Cotillion' and King Father Geno's 'Toys for Children Show'. If you know of a child who is needy and would enjoy attending the carnival, again contact David Eidson, Lyda Rose, Anita Baez or Sable Gordon.

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CLUB NIGHT
DECEMBER 12, 1990

The Colorado Gay Rodeo Association Colorado Springs will hold a "Club Night" at The Exit. Club Night will be Wednesday evening December 12, and will begin at 7pm.

The evening will have C.G.R.A.C.S. members bartending with The Exit bartenders, serving draft beer. The evening will also have entertainment at 8:30 pm. So please come out and help support C.G.R.A.

The upcoming month of January 1991, C.G.R.A.C.S. will have a country dance lessons/dance contest evening. The lessons - contest will be at Its Country - downstairs of the Hide-n-Seek Complex. If you're interested in learning country dances, now is your chance to begin. So find a dance partner and bring them along. After the lessons, there will be a dance contest for the beginners. The contest will be for fun & small prizes. Hope to see ya' there.

P.L.W.A. BENEFIT FUND

The P.L.W.A. Benefit Fund Committee is busy at work putting together many different ways to entertain and raise money this year. An event is scheduled for each of the local bars. Plus the committee is working on pledge cards, a walk-a-thon, bake sales, auctions, and planning the grand finale at the Springs Motor Inn on May 18th, 1991.

The committee has a spokesman at each Center meeting. If there are any questions or comments they should be voiced then at the meeting. Fill free to attend the Centers meetings at 7pm on the third Tuesday of each month, at Sacred Heart School, on the corner of Pikes Peak and 21st street.

THE UNITED COURT OF THE RISING SUN EMPIRE

The United Court just finished taking out their last Christmas tree out of Springs Motor Inn. They just held their Winter Cotillion. Winter Cotillion is a ball where debutantes from our community compete to be the current year prince and princess of snow. After a day of building the beautiful set (a Winter Wonderland) and having a great evening of fun and dancing, the new debutantes were named. Matt and Liz Peters were named the Prince and Princess of Snow for the XV Reign.

The Court is putting together the Mr. Right Contest! Wow! What a way to show off your body and compete with other local guys for the title of Mr. Right 1991. The contest will be in January at the Hide and Seek. Prizes are given to the first through third contest winners. Come on guys, lets see who can be Mr. Right 1991!! Contact Anita or Mark for more info.



PIKES PEAK GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER VALENTINES BALL FEBRUARY 9TH, 1991 SPRING MOTOR INN

The Pikes Peak Gay/Lesbian Community Center, is putting together their second annual Valentine's Ball. The Ball will be at the Springs Motor Inn on February 9th, 1991. Cocktails at 6pm, Ball at 7pm. There will be plenty of time to chat with old friends and make some new friends. Mark your calendars today.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Christmas is just around the corner, and we are all getting ready for that big day. Shopping, baking, cleaning, dieting, and just staying busy. While we are running around trying to get all of this finished because we started late again this year. Lets not forget to wish our fellow man/woman Merry Christmas!

For a lot of people in our community this is one of the saddest times of the year. Take time out to send someone a card. Call them and invite them over to share the holiday spirit with you, or again just simply wish them a Merry Christmas. A small friendly jester can change the whole meaning of Christmas to someone who might rather not go through another Christmas alone. This is a time when some of our community really need our 'family'. Lets not let them down.

Merry Christmas!

David Eidson/President/P.P.G.L.C.C.

RICK BROWN DESIGNING NEW MEMBERSHIP CARD

New members of the Center, or members who have renewed their membership in the last three months. Rick Brown is redesigning the membership cards with the new name and logo. You should be receiving your cards sometime in January. We apologize for any inconvenience. The Board of the Pikes Peak Gay/Lesbian Community Center.

BIGOTS HIT BURGERS

The fundamentalists are also publicizing their boycott of Burger King for, among other sins, advertising on TV shows that oppose "family and traditional values," which means they include gay characters. These anti-gay extremists are particularly angry about Burger King's ads on the mini-series *People Like Us*, based on Dominick Dunne's best-selling novel. The AFA's literature condemned the NBC mini-series because it "developed the homosexual relationship between Hubert and Juanito, portraying the homosexual lovers as caring, sensitive, rational men while Hubert's anti-homosexual mother is cold, uncaring, and vindictive. A major part of the plot included a movie star committed to raising funds for AIDS research."

That's a DIRECT QUOTE describing what the

AFA found offensive! (by the way, Eva Marie Saint won an Emmy for her role as the homophobic mother.)

The AFA has sent thousands of post cards to Burger King. Now it's your turn. Write I. A. Martin, Chairman, Grand Metropolitan, Inc. (Burger King), 100 Paragon Drive, Montvale, NJ 07645 and support Burger King's continued advertising on programs that responsibly portray gays and lesbians (tell'em how much you love their burgers, too!)

(GLAAD BULLETIN N-D-90)

MOST GAY & LESBIAN COUPLES POOL INCOMES

Seattle- Financial interdependence was widely observed among the 1,266 gay and lesbian couples surveyed by Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples. Fully 82 percent of the male couples and 75 percent of the female couples had been together, the more likely they were to share income.

The statistics were released in the May/June issue of Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples.

"In their management of household income, same-sex couples appear to share a primary characteristic with married heterosexual couples," said Demian, Ed.D., who edits and publishes the newsletter. "These survey results provide yet another reason to ask why the law typically treats same-sex couples differently than heterosexual couples. We believe gay and lesbian couples deserve the same financial options enjoyed by married couples."

In the Partners study, some of the individuals surveyed were able to share job benefits with their partners. Health insurance coverage for partners was available to four percent of women and six percent of men.

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GAY & LESBIAN "DIVORCE"

The November/December issue of Utne Reader includes a short article on gay and lesbian couples in its special section on divorce. The national magazine reprints articles from "the best of the alternative press."

Written by Stevie Bryant and Demian, co-editors of Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples, the article maintains that same - sex couples deserve the option to marry and that legalizing gay marriage would make break - ups less likely.

"IT is notable that the Reader's editors chose to include gay couples matter-of-factly within the context of marriage dissolution," said Bryant.

"It's difficult talking about 'divorce' for lesbians and gay men when so little is generally known about our 'marriages,'" added Demian. "So we emphasized how many same - sex couples are committed for life - in spite of hostile relatives and the lack of societal supports."

The article appears on page 77 of the Reader's year-end issue, available for \$4 at newsstands or from Utne Reader, Box 1974, Marion OH 43305. Subscriptions to Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples are \$21/yr. from Partners, Box 9685, Seattle WA 98109.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for a Gay and Lesbian scholarship are being accepted from High School Seniors or those 21 years or younger who have never attend a college or university. The Teachers' Group promulgates the scholarship to promote educational excellence among gays and lesbians beyond the high school experience. The Teachers' Groups established this \$1,000 scholarship in November, 1988 to communicate our support and love to this inviable and often neglected student population. It is also the Teacher's Groups hope that by offering this scholarship people will recognize and take positive action to help gay and lesbian youth who have discovered their sexual, and social identity.

Applications may be picked up at High School Counseling Offices, the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado, Parents and Friends of Lesbian and Gays, and David Eidson, president of the Pikes Peak Gay/Lesbian Community Center.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP PLANS PROLIFERATE

Seattle - Ten U.S. cities now legally recognize domestic partners - including gay and lesbian couples - and extend to them some of the rights accorded married couples. These and other domestic partner plans are listed in the September/October issue of Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples.

"The proliferation of plans makes them increasing difficult to track," says Stevie Bryant, who edits Partners with his nine - year partner Demian. "But by following and publicizing these developments we hope to encourage other cities and business to embrace fairness for their employees who have same - sex partners."

These plans almost universally define domestic partners to include gay and lesbian couples well as married heterosexual partners. Partners qualify for benefits under conditions that vary widely, but most approximate the qualifications for marriage, according to Partners Newsletter.

In the list below, those entities marked with an asterisks (*) offer bereavement and/or family illness leave only. Others have benefits that include some form of insurance coverage for domestic partners of employees.

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To request an application by mail; contact The Teachers' Group, P.O.Box 280346, Lakewood, Colorado, 80228-0346.

The Teachers' Group is a thirteen year old organization of gays and lesbians working in Colorado's educational system. Monthly meetings include potluck dinners, business meetings, and a discussion of relevant topics with periodic speakers. If you are interested in making a donation to the scholarship fund or attending a Teachers' Group meeting, please call 303-733-1650.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS,
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**PARENT/CHURCH PARTNERSHIP TO ADDRESS
LESBIAN/GAY YOUTH SUICIDE**

Right-wing religious and political leaders who wave the banner of "traditional family values" are a major impediment to overcoming the teen suicide problem, according to a parent-church-educator coalition that in October announced a prevention program focused on gay and lesbian youth.

The project, "Respect All Youth," is being undertaken by the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, with financial assistance from the United Thank Offering Fund of the Episcopal Church.

Its principal function will be to develop

and furnish training materials to those who work with youth, according to Paulette Goodman, President of P.F.L.A.G., speaking in October at the opening of the organization's ninth international convention in Anaheim, California. The organization's anti-discrimination aims were recently endorsed by First Lady Barbara Bush,

Government studies show that lesbian and gay teenagers are up to three times as likely to attempt suicide as other young people, because of the stigma society places on them. Nevertheless, California Republican Congressman William Dannemeyer recently prevailed upon Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to disavow the studies in the interest of "traditional family values."

"We in P.F.L.A.G. love and respect our gay and nongay children equally," Goodman said. We value the lives of all our children. It is tragic that many of us only learn of our child's homosexuality after a suicide attempt.

"One of the lessons learned in World War II is that it is evil to discriminate against any human being and to think that lives are expendable. America, land of the free, is no place for the bigotry and intolerance that perpetuate hatred and violence.

"P.F.L.A.G. values the lives of all children. We strive to keep families in loving relationships. The conservative right wing does not have a monopoly on traditional family values."

Goodman said the project will alert youth counselors, school administrators, and church educators of what needs to be done to "counteract the devastating effect of society's anti-gay attitudes toward our children."

Speaking strongly in support of the P.F.L.A.G. announcement were The Right Reverend Oliver Bailey Garver, Jr., Suffragen Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles; and Jackie Goldberg's district undertook the first program in the nation to initiate counseling for gay and lesbian high school students.

Also endorsing the program were Virginia Uribe, director of Project 10; and Mary Griffith, a mother whose son died because of her earlier misguided religious beliefs and lack of information.

Griffith, a Northern California mother of four, said that her gay son, at her urging, resorted to prayer and "reparative" therapy with religious counselors in the vain attempt to become heterosexual. At the age of 20, convinced that he was evil in the eyes of

God, he threw himself off an overpass and into the path of an 18-wheel semi-trailer.

It would not have happened, she is now convinced, if there had been programs at school and elsewhere that "could have offset what he was told by me at home and by others in our church."

Griffith is now president of the Mount Diablo, California, chapter of P.F.L.A.G. Her object, she said, is to help other parents avoid the tragedy that befell her family:

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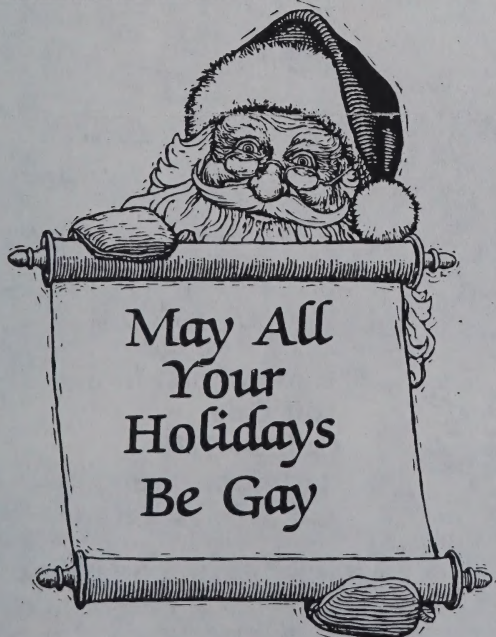
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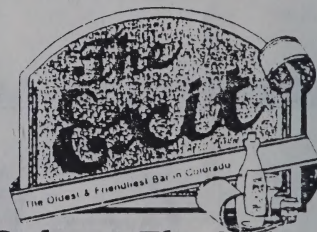
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